



General Assembly

**House Joint
Resolution No. 5 5**

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO INCREASE
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION
MANDATES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to impose unfunded
2 special education mandates on the states;

3 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and its local cities and towns
4 have had to bear the burden of funding federal special education
5 legislation while special education costs have continued to soar;

6 WHEREAS, Connecticut's cities and towns are forced into a
7 situation of choosing between funding special education programs and
8 other local goals and priorities;

9 WHEREAS, federal special education mandates are draining local
10 education budgets without a sufficient contribution from the federal
11 government;

12 WHEREAS, many cities and towns in Connecticut are in dire need
13 of funds in order to fulfill their obligation to provide special education

14 to the students in their districts;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this House of
16 Representatives calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass
17 appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special
18 education mandates imposed on all states so that Connecticut may
19 begin to meet the urgent financial special education demands imposed
20 on our cities and towns; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of
22 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all
23 United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut
24 in the Congress of the United States.

Statement of Purpose:

To urge Congress to provide funding for federally imposed special education mandates.

REP. WARD, 86th Dist.

REP. FLAHERTY, 68th Dist.

REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

REP. BELDEN, 113th Dist.